

MR WENTWORTH'S PETITION
[24TH FEB

purpose they have a bill already drawn. When the
Queen heard
of it, she was so highly displeased, for this is a
matter directly
opposite to her commands, that she charged the
Council to call
the parties before them Sir Thomas Heneage
therefore hath
sent for them, and they are commanded to
forbear coming to
Parliament and not to go out of their lodgings

Hth February THE SPEAKER SICK

This day the House being set and Mr Speaker
not coming to
the House, some said that they had heard that he
was sick,
whereon it was moved that the Clerk should in the
meantime
proceed to the saying of the Litany and prayers
Which done,
the Sergeant of the House brought word that the
Speaker had
been this last night and also the piesen forenoon
extremely
pained with a wind in his stomach and looseness
of the body
so that he could not as yet without great peril
adventure into
the air Whereupon all the members of the House
being very
sorry for Mr Speaker arose and departed away

SIR ROGER WILLIAMS' COUNSEL

Sir Roger Williams writeth his opinion that the
greatest danger
to England may proceed by the Scots or the Irish,
especially by
Ireland, where it stands her Majesty upon to make
sure of those
people by cutting off the principal instruments
and persuading
the rest of the faction by fair means , if not,
immediately with
good squadrons of horsemen and footmen, for
there is such
meanings in them that if 8000 strangers, with the
treasure they
would carry with them, join them, there will be
great mischief
The state of France is not too desperate so long
as the King
keeps the field, and the Spanish do not possess
the rest of
parts of Brittany and Normandy , if this were to
happen, then

will there be wars in England

t\$ih February MR WENTWORTH BEFORE THE
COUNCIL

Mr Wentworth, Sir Henry Bromley and two
others have been
called before some of the Council, being the Lord
Treasurer, the
Lord Buckhurst and Sir Thomas Heneage, who
treated them
favourably and with good speeches But so
highly was the
Queen offended that they said they had no choice
but to commit
them Whereupon Mr Wentworth is sent to the
Tower, Sir
Henry Bromley and the others to the Fleet.